

NEW WARDEN IS MUCH PRAISED

Sing Sing's House of Tragedy Undergoes House-cleaning.

OSSINING, N. Y., Aug. 12.—A large increase in the profits of Sing Sing prison industries is the latest accomplishment of Maj. Lewis E. Lawes, the young warden, who has just rounded out six months of official service there.

Sing Sing has undergone many changes and reforms since Warden Lawes took hold. So far as can be achieved by the hand of man, the old prison has been made to look new.

Old-time prison attendants say, however, that the new warden's greatest stroke has been the improvement of the industries and the large increase in their output. In fact, reports now being prepared show that for the fiscal year ending on July 1, 1920, the manufacturing department yielded a profit of close to \$200,000. This is a gain of from \$5 to 100 per cent over the previous fiscal year, when an earning of about \$100,000 was cleared.

As an illustration of what the prison factories are doing, it is pointed out by prison officials that the shoe department turned out 10,000 more pairs of shoes in the past year than during the prior twelve months.

Increased efficiency in prison manufacturing is attributed by officials to the good team work between civilian instructors and inmate workmen, under the able direction of John Joyce of the Bronx, who, as superintendent of industries, handles the manufacturing end for Warden Lawes. The warden is outspoken in commending Superintendent Joyce to visitors.

Prison employees who have seen many wardens come and go say Lawes' success with the industries is due to his popularity with both the inmates and the employees.

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While he has the zealous cooperation of both, most wardens have had only perfunctory support from either.

The older keepers assert that under the Lawes administration prisoners have worked enthusiastically, discipline has been enforced and the morale of the criminals improved. Special favors have been taken away from a few, while more privileges have been granted to the many.

Prominent advocates of prison reform who keep track of Sing Sing's affairs concur in what attendants say in praise of what Lawes has either done, is doing or contemplates.

Some friends of prison progress who have visited Sing Sing of late and come out in praise of Major Lawes' regime are: Thomas Mott Osborne, founder of the primary Mutual Welfare League and former warden, Adolph Lewisohn, R. C. G. de Chasle, Mrs. Helen Hartley Jenkins, John S. Kennedy, president of the state prison commission; Dr. Virgilio F. Lawes, Capt. T. A. Brady, George Gordon Battle and Richard M. Hurd.

In contrast to this chorus of approval there has been but one discordant note. One who has been finding fault publicly with President Wilson and Governor Smith, has now turned upon Major Lawes and is continually assailing the warden because the public is told about what goes on in the prison institution he manages. But Warden Lawes is not going to be swayed from his determination to let the light while he is in charge of

Sing Sing. He has kept the lid off prison news, as did his predecessors, Wardens Daniel Grant and Edward Brophy.

In so doing he is in accord with the policy of Charles F. Rattigan, superintendent of prisons, who said: "I want the newspapers to get the news of what happens here. Everything is as open as a book. There is nothing to hide. I believe in the fullest publicity."

Lawes has progressed with his reforms, his adherents declare, at a time when problems of discipline have become more difficult. For instance, he has had more condemned prisoners in the death-house than ever before. There were 21 murderers to look after at one time. There are still 22.

Other wardens were allowed to out-misbehave felons from Sing Sing to other prisons for the slightest infraction of rules. Many desperadoes were sent to Clinton before Lawes came. Now a lot of these ruffians and jailbreakers have been sent back to Sing Sing. Christy Dunn, double murderer, of Brooklyn who is serving two life sentences is one of them. He was put out of Sing Sing four years ago for drilling the prison wall in broad daylight and trying to effect the escape of four notorious convicts.

In former years not more than 50 convicts a year were received at Sing Sing from up-state prisons. Lawes has had to take 250 criminals, mostly bad ones, too, off the hands of up-state wardens in six months.

Yet he has had no serious fighting, no murders, no suicides, no

vice, no fires, no strikes nor serious discord. Escapes, the bane of most wardens have been a rarity. He has had but two successful get-aways. These were breaches of trust by honor men.

Says Politics is Eliminated. Chasidim, prison reformer, recently credited Governor Smith with eliminating partisan politics from the management of New York state's prisons. He cited Major Lawes' appointment as proof of what he said.

Lawes does not enroll, but is rated as an independent republican. He has never had any machine affiliations. He was picked by Governor Hughes because of his knowledge and success in the prison game and his progressive and humane methods.

When Major Lawes came to Sing Sing last New Year's day he found the prison yard unsightly and the interior of the buildings in many

places untidy. So he set out to "clean up." Superintendent Rattigan, who made a record as a humane reform warden at Auburn prison when Mr. Osborn started the Mutual Welfare League there, co-operated in making the needed improvements.

Lawes found in the yard ruins of several prison fires and heaps of black debris. He set a force of prisoners to work and had this taken away. He had the abandoned, crumbling watch towers atop the prison walls taken down and made the inmates remove insanitary rabbit huts scattered through the prison on yard and dispose of 200 rabbits hitting the place.

Then the new warden ordered the lobby and offices, interior of the old cell block, visiting room, mess hall and other departments scrubbed and repainted. The prison's private depot on the New York Central railroad, where drafts of prisoners

Ethel Clayton in "Crooked Streets"—Majestic Sunday

A Wonderful Tale of the "Paris of the East;" Cast Includes Jack Holt



Ethel Clayton supported by Jack Holt and an excellent cast of players will appear in a new Paramount Arcturion picture called "Crooked Streets" at the Majestic Sunday.

This new photodrama has a quality surrounding and throughout the presentation there is a tinge of the Orient. There is much intrigue and thrills, yet as always with a play starring Ethel Clayton, one finds the enactment of every role a perfect portrayal.

Jack Holt, who is in support of the star, has a part that suits him most beautifully. He is always the smiling, debonair chap and his stage mannerisms are sure to further popularize him among the vast number of movie goers. "Crooked Streets" is adapted from the adventure story by Samuel Marwin. With Ethel Clayton as the leading lady the story works out prettily. This attraction will be seen at the Majestic theater beginning Sunday.—Advt.

Name Meyers Secretary Open Shop Association

Following the resignation of W. O. Steger as secretary and business manager of the Tulsa open shop association, Barney Meyers, industrial commissioner of the chamber of commerce, has been appointed to the position, to take charge next week.

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